



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Christmas preparations continue for all our festive events. Parents have received letters about their child's Christmas performance, FONDS has been working tirelessly towards ensuring their annual Christmas Fair is its usual success, children are learning songs and lines...and costume departments have gone into overdrive.

We hope you enjoy this week's photographs of recent children's work and events: on the subject of which, thank you for your generosity towards our collections for both The British Legion's poppy day appeal and the Children in Need appeal. We will give you the totals for both collections in our next issue.

Meanwhile, please give your close attention to our 'parking plea' below and also to the Alternative Christmas Tree Festival (overleaf) in which ND is participating...your votes are needed!



Beetles have been making castles models as part of their 'Castles' topic this term. They made two large models as a class project, as well as creating their own, individually and in smaller groups, from junk modelling.

REMINDERS AND DATES

BROCKHAM PARKING: we return to our very recent request (Issue 04, 21st October!) for considerate and safe parking at our Brockham Village site, as we have received further complaints from both parents and also BERT (Brockham Emergency Response Team) about a number of parents who are still pulling up on to pavements to park when delivering or collecting their child from North Downs. Mrs Douglass has spoken to some parents this week, found to be parking in this manner, but is aware there are many others that she has not yet been able to see face to face! Please prevent this becoming a necessity by parking legally and with care.

Uniform Policy: school policies are under regular review and although there is little to change with our ND Uniform Policy, we are aware that grey school tights in sizes suitable for girls in our older year groups are not always easy to find. As such we have decided that for girls in KS2 (Years 3 to 6), black tights will be permitted as an alternative to the usual grey during colder 'winter uniform' weather. These tights may be woollen or opaque (40 denier or higher), but not sheer. In light of this additional option, please ensure that your daughter does not come to school in summer uniform white ankle socks at this time of year.

Christingle Candles: Revd Canon Carol Coslett would be grateful for any donation you feel able to make to your child's Christingle Candle. Please return your child's candle in time for their Christingle Assembly (Brockham - Mon 5th Dec; Betchworth - Wed 7th Dec; Leigh - Thurs 8th Dec). Thank you. *Please note: these assemblies are for pupils only.*

OTHER NEWS

Alternative Christmas Tree Festival

North Downs is participating in this festival at St. Michael's Church, Betchworth on Saturday 3rd December (10-4) and Sunday 4th December (12-4) alongside other local organisations such as The Dolphin Inn and Broome Park Nursing Home, each producing their own tree.

The North Downs' tree (see below) has been made by the children in Years R to 2, with each class or year group having a particular artistic input!

The 20 individually designed and decorated trees, many lit by fairy lights, will be displayed in the window recesses and on the floor of St Michael's, which will be filled with music. This promises to be a very special Christmas event for you to enjoy, with festive refreshments including homemade mince pies and cakes available and some Christmas crafts to buy too.

There is no charge to visit the festival, but donations would be much appreciated. Visitors will be invited to vote for their favourite tree, with a Challenge Cup going to the creators of the tree receiving the highest number of votes, so please gather family and friends together and come along to support and vote for your North Downs Christmas Tree!



Caterpillars putting the finishing touches to the North Downs 'tree'...



...and entering into our SPOTACULAR week for Children in Need with enthusiasm. Well done to Freya and Harry (above centre), winners of our SPOT-PUT competition.



As you can see, it wasn't only pupils joining in - anyone recognise Mrs Barrett (& Ruby!) in disguise?!



FRIENDS' MATTERS

It was a great turn out for **Quiz Night** and what a fabulous evening we all had. Mrs Douglass was on fine form, the food was amazing (thanks to Sarah at The Plough) and a huge thank you goes to Emma Lambert and Helen Metcalfe for organising it all. We raised just over a superb £900!

Christmas Fair Fri 2nd Dec: thank you to everyone who has sent in their donation for the Fair. It is also not too late to bring something in on Monday if you have not yet done so - we can always squeeze it in! We will be 'waving our magic' over everything next Monday afternoon and Wednesday, so if anyone would like to help please let us know.

Also, if you have any nearly new toys that could go to a new home, please let your FONDS rep know.

From Monday 28th we will be selling Father Christmas Tickets at school, so look out for us!

Christmas Fair Day itself will be a **Mufti day** in exchange for the following contributions:

Betchworth - mince pies; **Leigh** - cakes; **Brockham Reception, Years 1 & 2** - cakes; **Brockham Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** - Jolly Jars.

Finally, we will be selling The Dorking Advertiser at the fair and for every paper sold we get 20p, so please buy yours from us on the day.

Always remember to check the updated Diary Dates on the following page

(Note: dates in italics have been added or changed this week)

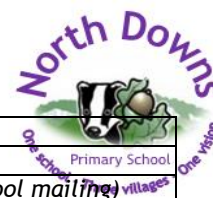
Yours sincerely

J Douglass

Finally

Have a lovely weekend

Autumn Term 2016



Mon 28 th November	Last week of School Clubs
Fri 2 nd December	FONDS Christmas Fair
Mon 5 th December	<i>Caterpillars to Leigh all day - rehearsal of Christmas production (details in school mailing)</i>
Wed 7 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance 1 at 1.30pm / Performance 2 at 6.30pm
Thurs 8 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance 3 at 6.30pm
Tues 13 th December	Brockham Infants Christmas Performance at Brockham 5pm - more details to follow
Wed 14 th December	<i>Caterpillars to Leigh all day - rehearsal of Christmas production (details in school mailing)</i>
Thurs 15 th December	Betchworth & Leigh Infants Christmas Performance at Leigh 5pm - more details to follow
Fri 16 th December	Class Assembly 9.10am - 6J postponed
Fri 16 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Mon 19 th December	Carol Service, Christ Church Brockham 7pm
Tues 20 th December	Gold Star Assembly at Leigh 9.15am (by invitation)
Wed 21 st December	Gold Star Assembly at Brockham 9.15am (by invitation)
Wes 21 st December	End or Term Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

Spring Term 2017

Tues 3 rd January	INSET Closure 3 of 5
Wed 4 th January	First Day of School - for pupils
Fri 13 th January	Class Assembly 9.10am - 6C
w/c Mon 16 th January	School Clubs commence
Fri 27 th January	FONDS Movie Night
Tues 7 th February	Parent/Teacher Consultations Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm. Brockham 5 - 7.30pm
Thurs 9 th February	Parent/Teacher Consultations Brockham 3.30 - 6pm. Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm
Fri 10 th February	Class Assembly 9.10am - 6J
Fri 10 th February	FONDS Valentine's Day Disco
Week 13 th -17 th February	HALF TERM
Mon 20 th February	School Swimming commences
Mon 6 th March	Bikeability Level 1 Year 5
Tues 7 th March	Bikeability Level 1 Year 5
w/c Mon 20 th March	Last week of School Clubs
Fri 24 th March	FONDS Movie Night
w/c Mon 27 th March	Easter Bonnet competition week
Thurs 30 th March	Gold Star Assembly at Leigh 9.15am (by invitation)
Fri 31 st March	Gold Star Assembly at Brockham 9.15am (by invitation)
Fri 31 st March	End or Term Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm

Summer Term 2017

Tues 18 th April	First Day of School
Mon 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
Tues 2 nd May	School Clubs commence
w/c Mon 8 th May	KS2 SATS
Thurs 25 th May	Maypole Day & Dancing (all at Brockham for the day)
Fri 26 th May	INSET Closure 4 of 5
Week 29 th May - 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Week 5 th -9 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Windmill Hill
Thurs 8 th June	Meetings for Year R Betchworth & Year 2 Leigh parents transferring to Leigh/Brockham Sept17
w/c Mon 12 th June	KS1 Phonics Assessment
Wed 14 th June	Induction Evening for new intake Reception parents 7.30pm Brockham
Tues 20 th June	KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 22 nd June	KS1 Sports Day
w/c Mon 3 rd July	Last week of School Clubs
Wed 12 th July	End of Year Pupil Reports
Thurs 13 th July	Parent/Teacher Consultations Leigh / Betchworth 3.30 - 6pm. Brockham 5 - 7.30pm
Mon 17 th July	Parent/Teacher Consultations Brockham 3.30 - 6pm. Leigh / Betchworth 5 - 7.30pm
Tues 18 th July	Gold Star Assembly - Leigh (by invitation)
Wed 19 th July	Gold Star Assembly - Brockham (by invitation)
Wed 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
Thurs 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Thurs 20 th July	End or Term Early Closure: R/KS1 - 1pm KS2 - 1.15pm
Fri 21 st July	INSET 5 of 5

Term and Holiday Dates 2016/2017

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INSET DAYS: 1st) 05/09/2016; 2nd) 06/09/2016; 3rd) 03/01/2017; 4th) 26/05/2017; 5th) 21/07/2017

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